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ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Note by the Secretary-General

1. On 17 September 1990, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to all Member States informing them that the Economic and Social Council, at its first regular session of 1991, will be called upon to appoint five candidates to serve on the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), when the term of office of five members expires on 30 June 1991. By the same note verbale, the Secretary-General requested Governments to submit the names and curricula vitae of candidates not later than 31 January 1991.

2. Under the provision of the statute of the Institute, the Board of Trustees is composed of 11 members nominated by States and appointed by the Economic and Social Council with due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. Members of the Board serve in their individual capacities for a term of three years from the date of appointment. They are eligible for reappointment by the Council for one further term. The current membership of the Board is given in annex I.

3. At its first regular session of 1983, the Council, on the proposal of the President, decided to maintain the existing de facto geographical balance of the Board without prejudice to any further decision the Council might wish to take with regard to the composition of the Board and the distribution of seats

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on it (see E/1983/SR.13). Accordingly, in order to maintain the existing geographical balance, the vacancies should be filled by the appointment of one member from each of the five regional groups concerned.

4. The following candidates were nominated by their Governments in response to the Secretary-General's note verbale. Biographical information on the candidates is contained in annex II.

African States

Ihsan Abdalla Algabshawi (Sudan)

Ahlonkoba Aithnard (Togo)

Nantenin Camara (Guinea)

Esnath J. Kalyati (Malawi)

Marie-Therese Kpwoka (Central African Republic)

Colette Samoya Kirura (Burundi)

Asian States

Olympia Styliancu (Cyprus)

Eastern European States

Evka Razvigorova (Bulgaria)

Renata Siemienska-Zochowska (Poland)

Latin American and Caribbean States

Peggy Antrobus (Grenada)

D. Gail Saunders (Bahamas)

Western European and other States

Els Postel-Coster (Netherlands)

Kristin Tornes (Norway)

Annex I

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN

Membership from 1 July 1990

	Term expires on 30 June
Fabiola Cuvi Ortiz (Ecuador)*	1991
Hawa Diallo (Mali)*	1991
Penelope Ruth Fenwick (New Zealand)	1992
Elena Atanassova Lagadinova (Bulgaria)*	1991
Gule Afruz Mahbub (Bangladesh)*	1991
Gertrude Ibengwe Mongella (United Republic of Tanzania)	1993
Victoria N. Okobi (Nigeria)	1992
Virginia Olivo de Celli (Venezuela)	1992
Amara Pongsapich (Thailand)	1993
Pilar Escario Rodriguez-Spiteri (Spain)	1993
Kristin Tornes (Norway)*	1991

* Retiring member.

Annex II

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Ahlonkoba Aithnard (Togo). Minister of Social Affairs and Status of Women. President of the National Women's Union of Togo. Academic background in sociology. Was president of the Bureau of the Subregional Committee for West Africa for the integration of women in development and has participated in regional and subregional seminars and international conferences concerning women.

Ihsan Abdalla Algabshawi (Sudan). Acting head of the Documentation Research and Statistics Centre, Commissioner for Refugees. Has experience principally in the area of documentation and libraries. Has published a number of publications pertinent to the Library and Information Service in Sudan and the impact of the problem of refugees in Sudan. Has participated in many national conferences on women, displaced persons, special libraries and the use of innovative communication and dissemination techniques.

Peggy Antrobus (Grenada). Co-ordinator of the Women and Development Unit (WAND), University of the West Indies, Barbados. Specialized in development and women issues. Awarded the Paul G. Hoffman Award by the Society for International Development (SID) "For outstandingly significant work in national and international development" and the CARICOM Women's Award for contribution to women's programmes in the region. Founding member and current General Co-ordinator of DAWN (Network of Third World Women for Development Alternatives with Women to a new ERA). Has vast teaching and research experience in issues related to women. Is on the Board or member of many Committees, both regional and international dealing with women. Author of numerous papers and publications related to the role and status of women in the Caribbean. Actively participated at several international and regional conferences and meetings on the integration of women in the socio-economic development process.

Nantenin Camara (Republic of Guinea). Member of the Inter-Ministerial Commission for the restructuring of the Organization of Guinean Women and former Director of Women's Affairs. A professor of history, has represented her country in various international and regional seminars and conferences related to women and oral tradition. Is currently serving in advisory capacity for the preparation of a document to be used as a basis for cooperation between the Republic of Guinea and UNICEF.

Esnath J. Kalyati (Malawi). Principal Secretary, Ministry of Community Services and current Chairperson of the National Commission of Women in Development. An economist, has represented her Government on various conferences, workshops and seminars within her profession as well as other related development areas. From 1985-1986 was Chairperson of the Economic Commission for Africa Subregional Committee on Women in Development for Eastern and Southern Africa and was deputy leader of the Malawi delegation to the World Conference on the United Nations Decade for Women, Nairobi, Kenya.

Published works on traditional and modern patterns of welfare in Malawi, socialization and development of children in Institutions.

Marie-Therese Kpwoka (Central African Republic). Director General of Social Welfare; Secretary-General of the Foundation "VIE et ESPOIR". As Director-General is responsible for the supervision of projects and programmes which resulted in the designing of a national policy for the advancement of women. By profession specialized in social welfare and administration. Has held various functions in the Department of Social Welfare. Participated in many regional and subregional seminars related to issues on women.

Els Postel-Coster (Netherlands), Professor appointed by the Leiden University Fund in Social Sciences. Has vast teaching experience at the University level. Main themes of her extensive research have been Women and Development issues and Literature and Society. Has participated in numerous international conferences with presentation of papers on various themes related to issues of women and development including environment. Member of the National Advisory Council on Development Co-operation; Chair of three successive working groups which produced reports for the Minister for Development Co-operation; member and co-founder of the Council of Women (Netherlands Development Agencies); member of the steering group of the Indo-Dutch Programme for Alternatives in Development; Vice-chairman of the National Advisory Council on Development Co-operation. Author of numerous publications in English and Dutch.

Evka Razvigorova (Bulgaria). Deputy Director of the Institute for Management and Administration. A chemical engineer with specialization in business management. Vice-President of the Bulgarian Women's Committee and until recently President of the family policy of the National Assembly. Participated in many international conferences, seminars and studies on issues related to women.

Colette Samoya Kirura (Burundi). Secretary-General of the Burundi Women's Union. Specialized in the teaching of history and geography. As Secretary-General supervised and is responsible for programmes related to the participation of women in decision-making, establishing a mechanism for the integration of the female population in mainstream development, measures to improve the legislative system in favour of women, application of the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. Has participated in regional and international encounters related to the advancement of women.

D. Gail Saunders (Bahamas). Director of the Department of Archives. President of the Bahamas Historical Society. Member of the Commission to plan a National Museum for the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. Doctor of Philosophy-History. Professional experience mainly in archives and public records. Carried out numerous assignments related to the history and culture of the Bahamas. Participated in various international and regional conferences relevant to archives, and Bahamian history. Author of some books and many articles and papers on Bahamian history.

Renata Siemienska-Zochowska (Poland). Associate professor, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw. Adviser of the Office of Women's Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Has vast teaching experience at the University level and has given numerous lectures in various universities outside of Poland. Member of the Council of the International Political Science Association and was Head of Council of the Warsaw Chapter of the Polish Political Science Association. Author of numerous books and papers covering a wide range of topics in the field of social sciences including issues related to women such as women in politics, gender in equality, women and family in Poland, women and education; feminization of some professions as a permanent problem.

Olympia Stylianou (Cyprus). Senior Planning Officer of the Planning Bureau. An economist with specialization in economic development. Has done research in view to policy formulation and preparation and follow-up of policy measures on the structure of female labour force participation in Cyprus; determinants of fertility; pay differentials and sex discrimination; survey on the employment status of women in Cyprus. Was responsible for the drafting of the chapters relating to women's issues in the development plans. Was a member of the National Committee for the United Nations Decade for Women; member of the Law Reform Committee for Maternity Protection and Equal Pay for Work of Equal Value; member of the Central Planning and Control Commission of the Permanent Central Agency for the Rights of Women. Has participated in numerous seminars on women's issues, giving lectures on such topics as the status of women in the labour market, equal pay for work of equal value, women in development, the economics of military conscription of women etc.

Kristin Tornes (Norway). Lecturer in Sociology, University of Bergen, Norway. Has given numerous lectures and published many articles in the areas of education, with special reference to Latin America. Research fellow at the Centro de Estudios de Desarrollo at the Universidad Central, Caracas, as well as at the Institute of Latin American Studies in Stockholm. Visiting Professor of Women's Studies at the University of Washington, Seattle. Consultant, 1985 evaluation mission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) concerning literacy for girls and women in Togo. Member of evaluation team to assess Norwegian multidisciplinary consulting panel to review results of UNESCO action to promote equality of educational opportunities for girls and women and to improve their literacy rate. Member, Board of Directors of Development Economics Research and Action Programme at the Chr. Michelsons Institute, Bergen, Centre of Development Studies, University of Bergen, Norwegian Institute for Foreign Policy Research, Peace Research Institute of Oslo and Norwegian Institute for Foreign Policy Research. Author of numerous publications. Member of INSTRAW Board of Trustees.